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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I actually can't believe we are at the end of another academic year. What a turbulent year it has been! I would like to begin by thanking you all for all your support and kind words this past year, it really does mean a lot to all the staff.

The DfE continues to release new guidance to schools and the latest guidance states, "As the country moves to Step 4 of the roadmap, the government will continue to manage the risk of serious illness from the spread of the virus. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children."

We have put the following plan into place ready for a September return following the most recent guidance. However, we will continue to monitor, adapt and update as and when new guidance is released to help keep everyone safe.

Please carefully read all the information below regarding September.

System of controls

This is the set of actions schools are advised to take, as outlined by Government.

Prevention:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone through frequent hand washing and 'catch it, bin it, kill it.'
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Response to any infection:

- 1) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 2) Inform the DfE and Local Authority and follow their guidance
- 3) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) amongst the school community
- 4) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

If a child/member of staff have Covid-19 symptoms

- If a child/member of staff is poorly with Covid-19 symptoms, either at home or at school, we would ask that a test is arranged immediately.
- For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.
- If a child displays symptoms at school, they will be assessed. The child may then be taken by a member of staff (wearing PPE) to an 'isolation space' whilst the office contact you to come to school immediately to collect your child.
- The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.
- Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the stay at home guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19.
- Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.
- If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Testing Pupils

DFE Guidance states there is no need to test Primary aged children on a weekly basis at this time.

Face Coverings

'From 19 July, the government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school or college.' (DfE Guidance July 2021)

At Nursling we ask that people do keep a respectful distance from each other to reduce anxiety. Facemasks can still be worn but are not mandatory. We will continue to monitor this situation and will re-introduce if we have an outbreak of Covid in the local area.

Drop off and Pick up times

For the last week of school, we will keep to the staggered drop off and pick up times we have been using all year.

We have had so many positive comments about the calmness of drop off and pick up during Covid times so we are going to keep elements of this going as Coronavirus has not disappeared and a playground full of people will lead to anxiety in many people.

In September, the **one-way** system will remain in place.

- Enter through the main blue gate
- Walk round to the right of the building
- Drop off in order of classroom – Y6,Y5, Y4, Y3, Y2, Y1, YR. Do not double back.
- Walk up the path around the side of the field

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- Exit school grounds through the gate into the alleyway that borders the playing field and turn left to get back onto Nursling Street.
- Please ensure you follow the signage and keep your distance from the person in front of you.

To help with congestion, we will have the following drop off and collection times in place.

House	Colour	Drop off Time	Pick up Time
Watts	Yellow	8:40am	3:10pm
Templeton	Green	8:40am	3:10pm
Miller	Blue	8:50am	3:20pm
Mitchell	Red	8:50am	3:20pm

Extended School Provision

- Breakfast Club and After School Club provision will be running and is bookable through Scopay.
- Breakfast Club is available from 7:40am – 8:40/8:50am
- After School Club is available from 3:10/20pm – 5:45pm
- Sadly, our After School Club has run at a loss this year because we have still had to pay staff for this facility to be available. It would be a great shame to lose a facility that is so well used and enjoyed by many. Therefore, in September, we will no longer be able to reimburse parents for children who are unable to attend due to illness including Covid (and Covid related isolation). We are happy to take bookings on a week-to-week basis but unable to guarantee spaces.

Mixing and ‘bubbles’

DfE guidance states that “At Step 4 we will no longer recommend that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups (‘bubbles’). When we proceed to Step 4, this means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision (for example, summer schools) or in schools from the autumn term. If your school is still open at Step 4, you may wish to continue with these measures until the end of your summer term.

As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that assemblies can resume, and you no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.

You should make sure your outbreak management plans cover the possibility that in some local areas it may become necessary to reintroduce ‘bubbles’ for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

Any decision to recommend the reintroduction of ‘bubbles’ would not be taken lightly and would need to take account of the detrimental impact they can have on the delivery of education.”

Classroom organisation

- Children must only bring into school essential items. This includes: lunch box, coat, PE Kit, books as directed, hat, colouring pencils (see below) bag. No other personal items are allowed in school.

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- Collective Worship will take place in either in the hall, outside or virtually.
- Tables will be grouped in class rather than in rows.
- Pupils will be provided with their own named stationery pack by the school and kept on their table.
- Parents are asked to provide their child with a small **named** pack of colouring pencils. This will be kept in school, on their table for their own personal use.
- Homework will be set and completed on Google classroom.
- Children will be responsible for their own belongings.
- Cleaning down of the tables will happen throughout the day, as appropriate.
- Break time and lunch time will be in key stages in the first instance but the school will adapt this arrangement as necessary according to suitability and guidance.

Communication

- Home School Communication books will be in use during the Autumn Term.
- If you have an urgent message for the class teacher, please communicate via the school office.
adminoffice@nursling.hants.sch.uk
Tel: 02380 732289
- The Office is open from 8:30am – 4pm daily. Before or after this time, please leave an answer phone message.
- Class teachers will continue to follow the behaviour policy and only make contact if ‘Parent Contact’ is reached. Anything before parent contact on the behaviour board will be dealt with in school as per policy.
- Teachers will not respond to any email that is sent to them directly.

School Office

- The school office has been able to work more efficiently by dealing with e-mail or phone queries, rather than in person queries. Once school has reopened in September, we would ask that the majority of queries should continue to be sent via e-mail and that, to keep distance and safety, parents only visit the school office if absolutely necessary to discuss something in person.
- If you do need to approach the school office for an urgent query, we are keeping the rule of only one person being allowed in the air-lock at any time.

Home Schooling

If a child has to self-isolate, work will be provided on Google Classroom for them to do if well enough. Google Classroom will also continue to be used for homework.

Parents/Carers

As Coronavirus is still on the increase, we are going to keep to the following rules and restrictions to keep our staff and community members safe;

- Parents & carers will not be allowed to enter the school building.

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- Parents & carers will need to drop their child off at the classroom door, kiss and go. Please leave promptly so not to cause congestion to others.
- We advise that Parents & carers do not gather outside school grounds.
- If coming in for an organised meeting, please do not be offended if asked to wear a mask.

Uniform

From September, all children will be expected to be in full school uniform, changing for P.E in class before their lesson.

The school uniform for Boys and Girls consists of;

- Blue Sweatshirt or cardigan bearing the School's logo
- Grey/black trousers/skirt (not sport tracksuit or leggings).
- White polo shirt or white shirt
- Blue checked summer dress
- Brown or black low heeled shoes
- Optional outdoor fleece

P.E Kit consists of;

- Plain T-Shirt in the child's house colour
- Black shorts or leggings
- A plain black tracksuit in winter months
- Trainers may only be worn in school for P.E

Curriculum

Our Cyril Squirrel 5 R's continue to be our main focus in celebration and expectation over the coming year. We will be supporting the children in becoming independent in recognising that they are Ready, Responsible, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective when returning to school.

Our Christian Values of Love, Hope and Courage will feature strongly throughout with one as a feature each term.

To help every child settle back into school with confidence after the summer break, the first week of school will be themed 'For the Love of Nursling'. Despite having a creative approach covering skills and outcomes from the Art and DT curriculum, it will also be RE and PSHE based.

School meals

The children eat in the hall, sat on tables with their class.

Fresh hot meals are prepared on site and can be ordered at morning registration. Free School Meals are available to all those who are entitled to one.

If your child brings in a packed lunch, please help us to promote healthy eating and healthy choices.

We do have children with severe nut allergies so please AVOID anything that CONTAINS NUTS.

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Attendance

The current DfE guidance states 'School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school.'

Please ensure all illness related absence is telephoned or emailed into the school office by 8:50am otherwise our safeguarding procedures will be activated.

School Trips and Residential

School trips and residential will commence in the Autumn Term, however school will continue to follow up to date guidance on this.

I appreciate this letter is very long and there is a lot of information here to absorb but felt it was really important to convey as much information as possible. Naturally, it goes without saying that if there are any guidance changes, we will keep you informed.

I wish you all a very happy summer. Keep safe and well.

Kind regards



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Headteacher

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